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BEGIN SUMMARY: LOCAL MEDIA STEPS UP PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST PRESIDENT SADAT. LIBYA PUBLICLY IGNORES CEASEFIRE, ACCUSES U.S. AND ISRAEL OF BACKING SADAT. MEDIA INDICATES LIBYA REJECTS MEDIATION EFFORTS, IS PREPARED FOR ANOTHER ROUND TO BLOCK MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LOCAL MEDIA HAS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS IN ITS VITRIOLIC ATTACKS UPON EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
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SADAT. THE TEMPO AND VEHEMENCE OF THESE ATTACKS HAVE INCREASED MARKEDLY SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT'S PUBLICLY DECLARED CEASEFIRE ORDER ON JULY 25.
WHILE THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTEDLY QUIETLY IMPLEMENTING THE CONDITIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE, LOCAL MEDIA HAS TOTALLY IGNORED ANY REFERENCE TO LIBYA AGREEING TO A CEASEFIRE. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE

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COMMENTARIES ACCUSE SADAT OF CARRYING OUT
AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA AS PART OF AN AMERICAN,
ZIONIST PLOT TO DESTROY LIBYA WHICH THE EDITORIALS
DESCRIBE "AS ALMOST THE ONLY ONE THAT CONSTITUTES
AN OBSTACLE ON THE ROAD TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE --
A CONFERENCE OF CAPITULATION AND SUBMISSION."

2. AS EVIDENCE OF SADAT'S ALLEGED COLLUSION WITH
THE ISRAELIS, THE JULY 26 PRESS PUBLISHED LARGE
PHOTOGRAPHS OF ISRAELI UZI MACHINGEGUNS ALLEGEDLY
CAPTURED FROM EGYPTIAN PRISONERS. DAILY, TRIPOLI
RADIO MAKES REPEATED CALLS TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE
TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT SADAT WHO IS ACCUSED OF
TURNING EGYPT INTO A CITADEL FOR "REACTION AND
ZIONISM." LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS ARE PERIODICALLY
INTERRUPTED BY APPEALS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY CAPTURED
EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS WHO DENOUNCE SADAT'S DECEPTION OF
THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES. THE MOST RECENT
DENUNCIATION WAS MADE BY A CAPTURED EGYPTIAN MAJOR
WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF AN EGYPTIAN
COMMANDO BATTALION IN AL-JAGHBUB. THE MAJOR
WHO REPORTEDLY WAS INTERVIEWED BY A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL
JOURNALISTS HERE IN TRIPOLI EXPRESSED "SORROW ABOUT THE
PLANNED ATTACK HATCHED BY THE REGIME IN EGYPT
AGAINST LIBYA." ANOTHER CAPTURED EGYPTIAN OFFICER WHO WAS PARADED
BEFORE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLAIMED THAT THE "EGYPTIAN ATTACK
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ON LIBYA WILL CAUSE A REACTION AMONG EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS WHO FEEL
BITTER AS A RESULT OF EGYPTIAN REGIME'S BEHAVIOR."

3. WHILE THE LIBYAN PROPAGANDA MEDIA IS HAVING A FIELD
DAY WITH EGYPTIAN PRISONERS OF WAR, LIBYA HAS ALSO GONE
ON THE OFFENSIVE AS THE AGGRIEVED PARTY BY REJECTING
MEDIATION OFFERS FROM UGANDA, YEMEN, KUWAIT, YUGOSLAVIA
AND TOGO. RADIO COMMENTARIES CLAIM THAT LIBYA, TO THE
CONTRARY, IS READY FOR RENEWED AGGRESSION FROM EGYPT.
A JULY 26 RADIO COMMENTARY INDICATES THAT THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT ARE FUNDAMENTALLY
ONE CONCERNING AN APPROACH TO A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE
ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. THE COMMENTARY CLAIMS THAT
WHILE LIBYA WILL NOT VEER FROM ITS OBJECTIVES OF
LIBERATING OCCUPIED ARAB LAND AND RESTORING
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, EGYPT HAS FALLEN UNDER THE
CONTROL OF "COLONIAL CIRCLES." THE STATEMENT ARGUES
THAT THE ESSENCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND
LIBYA IS THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE "PROGRESSIVE
FORCES LED BY LIBYA AND "THE REACTIONARY FORCES ALLIED
WITH COLONIALISM LED BY THE AGENT SADAT'S REGIME."
THE RATHER LENGTHY COMMENTARY CLAIMS THAT DESPITE US

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EFFORTS TO SUPPORT SADAT'S REGIME, LIBYA HAS PREVENTED EGYPT FROM OBTAINING ITS GOALS. PERHAPS FURTHER SUGGESTING LIBYA'S REAL DISRUPTIVE ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE COMMENTARY STATES "THE CAUSES OF AGGRESSION OF THE AGENT SADAT'S REGIME ARE STILL THERE," AND THAT THE LIBYANS "WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD THE TRIGGER IN ORDER TO FOUL ANY FRESH AGGRESSION LAUNCHED BY THE REGIME OF AGENT SADAT."
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